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1. PARAGRAPH 5 OF REF. A SUGGESTS MISUNDERSTANDING BY THE
UK DELEGATE OF THE MEANING OF PARA 1 REF. C WHICH DID NOT
SUGGEST THAT IF AN ITEM WERE REMOVED FROM THE IML ANY CIVIL
VERSIONS OF SUCH EQUIPMENT WOULD AUTOMATICALLY BE REMOVED
IF THEY WERE UNDER EMBARGO. RATHER, THE STATEMENT WAS THE
HYPOTHETICAL ONE THAT WERE ANY CIVIL VERSIONS (NOT NOW
KNOWN TO EXIST) OF PRESENTLY CLASSIFIED IML EMBARGOED
INSTRUMENTS TO BE PLACED ON THE MARKET, WE WOULD, AS THE
UK DELEGATE SUGGESTED, WISH THEM TO BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY
RATHER THAN AT THIS TIME TO PRE-EMPT THEIR CONSIDERATION
FOR ADDITION TO THE LISTS IN FUTURE. IT IS IN THIS SENSE
THAT THE USG VIEWS THE FIRST ELEMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS
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PROPOSAL TO BE SUPERFLUOUS TO ITS INTENT. WE WOULD HOPE

THAT THIS EXPLANATION WILL MAKE OUR POSITION ACCEPTABLE TO
THE BRITISH DELEGATE.

2. NOTWITHSTANDING THE STATEMENT IN PARA 6 REF. A, THE
WORD "REPRODUCING" WAS SUGGESTED TO ANTICIPATE A NETHER-
LANDS CONCERN THAT THE US COUNTERPROPOSAL WOULD NOT FREE
THE PLAYBACK EQUIPMENT USING HELIUM-NEON LASERS. HOWEVER,
THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM IN OMITTING THAT WORD IF THE
NETHERLANDS AGREES BECAUSE US LICENSING AUTHORITIES WOULD
CONSIDER PLAYBACK EQUIPMENT ALSO TO BE EXCLUDED FROM
COVERAGE REGARDLESS OF THE INCLUSION OF THE WORD
"REPRODUCING". KISSINGER

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